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Dear Senator Proxmire:

Thank you for your inquiry of November 14 on behalf of Mr. Alexander E. Lucas concerning the course of events in the Republic of Korea and the trial and sentencing of Kim Dae Jung.

We fully share your concerns about developments in Korea in the past several months. We have repeatedly made our views known at the highest levels of the Korean Government and have urged that their leadership move toward a more representative political system.

With regard to the fate of Kim Dae Jung, the U.S. Government has followed his trial with intense interest. We are in continuing communication with Korean authorities, who are fully aware of our views. Mr. Kim's case is presently undergoing judicial review which we are monitoring very carefully.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Bill Proxmire,
United States Senate.

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